

Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign

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Dear Friends and Supporters:

The National Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign (PPEHRC) is heading to Atlanta, GA on June 27th-July 1st for the United States Social Forum. The US social Forum comes at a significant time in US history. The conservative political right dominates the three primary institutions of the federal government. The US military is bogged down in the occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan as public support for these invasions erodes. The disaster of Hurricane Katrina and the failure of federal government to respond have illuminated extreme poverty in the US and the race and class divisions in the country. The USSF will provide a process to build a powerful movement in this country based on the organized voices and experiences of those from the grassroots most affected by US and global injustices.

At the US Social Forum The Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign will lead a non-violent March with the theme of **"Another World is Possible, Another US is Necessary" to the Coca-cola Headquarters. The march will be held on June 29th at 3:00 EST.** Our March will focus on the need for basic Economic Human Rights as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We will march for the right to housing, healthcare, food, living wage jobs and water. We are asking member organizations of the PPEHRC to caravan to Atlanta to participate in the USSF.

The PPEHRC will have a Tent at the USSF, which will be the location of daily teach-ins, panels, workshops and performances. The PPERHC tent will highlight the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, specifically the right to water and the right to health care as a statement addressing the health care crisis in the US and the healthcare ramification so living without access to clean water. One of the last days of the forum, we will be taking members of the national and international media, the human rights community, religious leaders and others on Reality Tours of Atlanta and surrounding areas, exposing the plight of Americans living without basic economic human rights.

There is still much work to be done to prepare for the arrival of the 500-600 PPEHRC participants we expect for this event. We are working on providing meals, lodging, childcare, Spanish and Sign Language interpretation and local transportation for our guests this summer and need to do all of this on a very limited budget. **We are asking for your help in whatever ways your religious group, union, community organization or agency may be able to contribute to the success of this important event.** Your group may be able to contribute financially or with volunteers or both! Please see the enclosed sponsorship form for the specifics of how your organization can help out.

We are very excited to be participating in the United States Social Forum and hope you will be too! Please let us know if you have further questions about the event. **Thank you so much for your support!**

Sincerely Yours,
Cheri Honkala,

National Coordinator, Poor Peoples Economic Human Rights Campaign



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POOR PEOPLE'S ECONOMIC HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN TENT

USSF 2007: Schedule of Events

June 27th - July 1st, 2007

Wednesday June 27th

10am-all day	Registration and Orientation
12pm	break for Lunch
1pm-3pm	"The Global Character of the Struggles of the Poor" panel
3pm-5pm	"Why promote an economic human rights framework?" Panel
6pm-?	Arts and Cultural performances

— Sandwiches

— Naps lost

sign ups + wake ups

Thursday June 28th

Right to Health Care Day!

9am-10am	"The Poor Organizing for Economic Human Rights" panel
10am-12pm	"Health Care Truth Hearing," at the PPEHRC Tent—hear testimony on violations of the right to health care
12pm	Lunch
1pm-2pm 3pm	Press Conference, location tbd
2pm-5pm	"Developing Strategies to Win Universal Health Care," Panels and Workshops at the PPEHRC Tent
Evening	Ending Poverty: The Plight and the Fight of the Poor (PPEHRC films & discussion)

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Friday June 29th

9am-11 am	"Housing is a Human Right," Panel
11:30am	Arts and Cultural performances
12:00pm	Lunch
12:30pm-2 pm	"Economic Human Rights for All," Panel
3pm	"Another World is Possible, Another US is Necessary: Stop the War at Home and Abroad!" A PPEHRC sponsored March from the Martin Luther King History Center to Coca Cola Headquarters
Evening	Youth Night & Arts and Cultural performances

Saturday June 30th

9am-11am	"Ending Hunger and Winning the Human Right to Food,"
11:30am	Arts and Cultural Performances
11:30am	Lunch
12:30-2pm	Reality tour/ a visit to the Georgia Hunger Coalition
2pm-4pm	"Hip Hop and Human Rights" Panel
4:30-6:30	Final Panel: "Next Steps: Building a Movement Led by the Poor to End Poverty,"
Evening	Arts and Culture fundraiser event at the PPEHRC Tent

Sunday July 1st

9am-10am	Interfaith service
12:00pm	"Role of people of faith in the movement to end poverty"

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE. ANOTHER U.S. IS NECESSARY.

As the Republican National Convention descends upon the Twin Cities, we will be marching to demand our economic human rights and to call for an end to the war at home and abroad.

As poor, homeless, and working people of this country, we cannot afford to suffer silently as our lives are threatened by political and economic policies that deny us our basic human rights. Both parties – Republicans and Democrats – have abandoned the poor and working families of this nation and so it is up to us to take our country in a new direction – one that is based in the economic human rights to food, housing, healthcare, education and living wage jobs.

We will hold the largest march of the poor in the US, along with students, social workers, union members, lawyers and religious leaders to make our voices heard as we *March For Our Lives*



***March for Our Lives,
September 1, 2008
St. Paul/Minneapolis, MN
Opening Day of the
Republican National
Convention***

***BILLIONS FOR THE WAR STILL NOTHING FOR THE POOR,
STOP THE WAR ABROAD AND AT HOME***

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Everyone has the right to food, clothing, housing,
living wage jobs, health care and education.

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11 AM CITY HALL

Healthcare Truth Hearing

at the US Social Forum • Atlanta, GA

July 28, 2007 • 10am—3pm

PPEHRC Tent



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Featured Respondents

Morning Session

Margie Rece, Healthcare-NOW Atlanta
C.T. Vivian, Civil Rights Leader
Tresa Martinez, Healthcare-NOW
Ethel Long Scott, Women's Economic Agenda Project/CA-PPEHRC
Sabrina Marie Wilson, Healthcare-NOW Alabama
Joel Segal, Senior Legislative Assistant to John Conyers, CA

Afternoon

Ajamu Sankofa, Healthcare-NOW
Amos McCluney, Healthcare-NOW Delaware
Michael Lighty, CA Nurses Association
Noel Beasley, UNITE-HERE Midwest
Dr. Henry Kahn, Professor Emeritus, Emory University
Joel Segal, Senior Legislative Assistant to John Conyers, CA
Cheri Honkala, National Coordinator, PPEHRC

Featuring Testimony From the Following Organizations

Coalition to Protect Public Housing, Chicago, IL
Deaf and Deaf-Blind Committee on Human Rights, North Olmsted, OH
Justice, Equality, Dignity and Independence (JEDI) for Women, Salt Lake City, UT
Kensington Welfare Rights Union, Philadelphia, PA
Nashville Homeless Power Project, Nashville, TN
New Grady Coalition, Atlanta, GA
New Jerusalem Laura, Philadelphia, PA
Organize!Ohio, Cleveland, OH
Pennsylvania Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign
Portland Organizing for Economic Rights, Portland, ME
Southside Together Organizing for Power (STOP), Chicago, IL
Women's Economic Agenda Project, Oakland, CA
Unions for Single Payer HR676
Women in Transition, Louisville, KY

Schedule for the Day

10am	Welcome and Introduction of Respondents
10:15-11:15am	Testimony from: Carol Smith (STOP) Linda Gray (DDBCHR) Andrea O'Connor (WIT) Adam (KWRU) Jesse Vear (POWER) Ricky Brunner (MN-PPEHRC) Annette Toney (NEOH-PPEHRC)
11:15am-12pm	"What We Can Do" Respondents Comments
12-1pm	LUNCH
1pm	Introduction of Afternoon Respondents
1:15-2:15pm	Testimony from: Nadine Bean, as read by Kristin Smith-Nicely (Pennsylvania PPEHRC) Carolyn Milligan, as read by Janine Grantham (WEAP) Nikki McLean (POWER) Ron Marshall, New Grady Coalition Clemmie (Nashville Homeless Power Project) Bonnie Macri (JEDI for Women)
2:15-3pm	"What We Can Do" Respondents Comments; Next Steps in the Fight for Universal Health Care

Join the Fight!

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Definitions:

Analysis - Mentally separating an object of examination -- a problem or a situation -- into its constituent parts to study its nature and to determine the relationship of the parts to each other and to the whole. Analysis concludes with an explanation, and possibly a general prediction. The scientific methods of analysis require the application of general truths to a specific set of facts.

Campaign - A series of military, social, and political operations forming a distinct phase of a war. A series of operations designed to bring about a particular result or objective.

Class - It is not defined by such social identities as "race", ethnicity, gender, or religious differences. Neither is it defined by income differences. Since the Great Depression, national discussion and debate have emphasized income differences as the main factor defining and determining class distinction among the American people. This has fixed in their thinking a notion of class that define "poor people", "low income classes" and "the middle class" as separate identities despite the fact that none of these income strata have ownership or controlling interest in any major economic institution.

One's income is fundamentally determined by one's social and economic class position. Class is determined by one's relation to the basic economic institutions, i.e., the banking, oil, auto, telecommunications, food, housing, and transportation, etc industries -- whether one own and control them or not. Because of today's widespread "downsizing"

and restructuring of the economy, middle-income people are having to learn this definition of class first hand once they are threatened with job lost or once they loose their jobs at the hand of the one's who own the places or institutions of employment.

Today's Globalization is causing a growing equality of poverty. This is an expression of the fact that a new global class of the poor and dispossessed is being created. This class is not like the old slave poor, the old feudal poor, nor the poor of the old and dying industrial society. It is a new class forming out of different sections of society that are being cast out from the ranks of the exploited to those of the excluded. It is not only stripped of all property in the new means of production and circulation, it is also being placed in a social position of not having the ability to sell its labor power as a commodity to secure its life.

Martin Luther King questioned this basic definition of class when he stated in 1967:

"We are called upon to help the discouraged beggars in life's marketplace. (Yes.) But one day we must come to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring. (All right.) It means that questions must be raised. And you see, my friends, when you deal with this you begin to ask the question, "Who owns the oil?" (Yes.) You begin to ask the question, "Who owns the iron ore?" (Yes.) You begin to ask the question, "Why is it that people have to pay water bills in a world that's two-thirds water?" (All right.) These are words that must be said. (Yes.)"

Curriculum - A course of study, education, and training. A body of courses or classes offered by a school, college, or university.

Economics – Science or theories of production and exchange of goods and services. It concerns the “ups” and “downs” of the economy. Economic theory answers the questions of class and income including the question, why are we poor?

EHR (Economic Human Rights) – This refers to the economic, social, cultural parts of the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human rights, specifically articles 23, 24, 25, 26. The Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign has added article 19 because it considers the right to communication as a basic necessity of life.

Issues - There are problems that are issues and there are problems that are non-issues. Issues are problems that groupings of people feel strongly about and are prepared to take action around.

Leader - One who analyzes and puts forth solutions to problems and organizes the carrying out of those solutions. To do this, a leader must also be a teacher raising political consciousness about the problems and solutions, and the need for organization. One who leads, guide, show the way, begin, go before in the solving of a social problem, in the reaching of objectives and goals.

Mission – A function, task or purpose of a person, organization, or movement.

Pedagogy – The art, science, or profession of teaching. It studies the development and use of forms and levels (beginning, intermediate, and advanced) of education and training.

Planning - It is the process of answering the 5 Ws and 1H: 1) What is to be accomplished? 2) Why is it to be accomplished [goal and/or strategic objectives]? 3) Who is to do what? 4) When? 5) Where?. 1) How is it to be accomplished [what means and/or activities are to be used?]. The products of this process are strategic (long-range) and tactical (short-range) plans. The testing of these plans in the heat of battles and reevaluating and readjusting them afterwards are basic parts of the ongoing planning process.

Policy – A line, or rule, or plan of conduct or action in relation to a specific problems or situation. For example, it deals with the question of what our attitude and rules regarding drugs or other major issues.

Political - From the Greek word for power; not simply about elections and politicians. It concerns the questions of power, and of real empowerment: Who controls whom? How and why? What class of people controls governmental affairs? How are the powerless kept from power?

Political Power -It is the 3 Ms. The control of governmental and non-governmental institutions and apparatuses of Money, Mind, and Might. This control grows out of a section of the population organized as a ruling class of people.

Poverty Pimp Industry - Poverty is a multi-billion dollar industry. It profits from, preys on, and prostitutes for political control the human misery of the poor. The industry includes private charities, foundations, "community organizations", and the social welfare establishment, etc. The and prevent or undermine the political leadership and self-directed organization of the victims of poverty. It promotes measures and "activism" that give food, clothing, and

shelter to poverty and homelessness, but does not strive to end poverty and homelessness.

"Race" – "...purely a social construction; it has no core reality outside of specific historical context. That is to not to say that it doesn't exist or that it is therefore meaningless, but its material force derives from political power, not some ahistorical 'nature' or any sort primordial group affinities-the 19th-century racist mush that has lost its appeal as a simply minded journalistic frame."

"Class Notes" by Adolph Reed, Jr.

Resources – People, money, and things that can be used as means to accomplish ends or objectives. Of these three main kinds of resources, people are the most decisive and ultimately the most important one.

Strategy - Deals with the problem and solution as a whole; war as a whole (e.g., the struggle for power); roles of the main forces and the main means of struggle; deals with the staircase and not simply the steps of the staircase. Its plans are long-range.

Tactics- Deals with parts of the problem and solution; battles and campaign of the war; forms and types of struggle and organization; deals with each step of the staircase. Its plans are short-range.

Theory – A general summary of or lessons drawn from experience explaining why something exist or has happened. It answer the question, why? It describes or explain the causes of effects. In explaining social motion or movement it necessarily requires an understanding of the experiences of history.

Values – Worth, importance. Moral values have to do with right or wrong, just or unjust actions, standards, and laws, etc.

Vision – A long terms goal of a new society. The ability to see the unseen, tomorrow's realization of today's possibilities.



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August 23-29



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August 23rd National March On Washington
The Poor People's March For Economic Human Rights
& Constructing Tent City 7th & Constitution @ 10am

August 24th Interfaith Service
August 25th Right To Healthcare
August 26th Right To Housing
August 27th Right To Food And Water
August 28th Right To Education
August 29th Right To A Living Wage
& The Effects of NAFTA & FTAA

Along With, Artists And Musicians Uniting To End Poverty
**Each Day Will Include Educationals And Discussion*

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